MR. K. MADHAVAN PLLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Then to whom is he to complain?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There are non-official visitors to whom he can complain. I do not know why he should bring in a Magistrate.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Cannot he make a complaint to the Magistrate?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Not by an anonymous petition.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Then how can he do it?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): In the usual formal manner.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): May I take it that a prisoner who attempts to lay a complaint before a Magistrate is to be flogged for doing so?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He did not lay a complaint but wrote an anonymous petition.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Petition to whom?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): To the Magistrate.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): What was the object?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is specified in the order of the Superintendent.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Madhavan Pillai, you are subjecting him to a cross-examination which I cannot allow.

Vernacular Schools opened during 1098—1100.

176. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Vernacular schools of all grades newly opened during the three years 1098-1100 by private agencies and the number opened by the Department of Education during the said period?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A statement* containing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

Report on the Improvement of River Communications.

177. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvargad*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of Mr. John Kurien's report on the improvement of river communications and also that of the Minor Irrigation Committee, Trivandrum taluk?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) In regard to the first part, the member is referred to the answer to interpellation No. 94 given on the 11th August 1926.

* *Vide* Appendix II—page 749.

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The medical officers attached to the Central Prison are, if I may be allowed to say so, changed rather frequently. This is a matter for the consideration of the Inspecting Medical Officer.

Sd. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR,
District Magistrate.
5-6-1926.

Visited the Central Jail this morning. Examined the kitchen, the premises of the Jail, the inmates and the hospital. The sanitary condition is quite satisfactory. The health of the prisoners is satisfactory. I understand that the prisoners are given dried fish thrice a week. At present, as dysentery is very prevalent in the town and as there are very frequent, rains the quality of the dried fish will not be good. I would suggest for the present, the substitution of ¼ lb. of mutton once a week, instead of three days' fish. I see from the District Magistrate's remarks that he thinks frequent change of medical officers may not be desirable. In my opinion, as the medical officers have very little professional work, they are likely to become disgusted with their work and thereby become indifferent if kept here too long. I think the interest of the Institution will be best served by posting young and energetic officers for a short period, not exceeding a year.

Sd. K. RAMAN TAMPI.
15-11-1101.

Appendix II.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 176.**

Statement of Vernacular Schools opened during 1098-1100.

Schools.	Year in which opened.					
	1098.		1099.		1100.	
	Departmental.	Private.	Departmental.	Private.	Departmental.	Private.
Primary Schools...	3	123	4	151	4	92
Vernacular Middle Schools ...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Vernacular High Schools ...	...	...	...	...	...	...

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